

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 01-10-30**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 29, 2001

Business Meeting: October 30, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D2001.10.144 – MPC Default Portfolio– Act on Motion for Protective Order (10/29/01)
2. D2001.9.126 – MPC/Vigilante Electric – Exclusive Service Agreement – Flint Creek Estates – Discussion, direction, action on agreement (10/30/01)
3. Ronan Telephone – Delinquent or Incomplete Annual Report for 2000. (10/30/01)
4. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss Preliminary Report on Checklist Item 5 – Access to Unbundled Local Transport; and 6 – Access to Unbundled Switching (10/30/01)
5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss and act on staff recommendations regarding SGAT General Terms and Conditions for incorporation into preliminary report on this subject (10/30/01)

6. L-01-6.2-RUL and internal policy – PSC electronic documents – Discussion, direction, action on pending e-docs matters 10/30/01
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – OSS Testing 101 presentation/briefing by KPMG, Hewlett-Packard, Liberty Consulting, MTG (the vendors conducting the ROC-OSS test) (10/30/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. WINTER TERMINATION POLICY (no docket) (Kate)

The PSC's winter termination rules require regulated utilities to obtain PSC approval before shutting off electric or natural gas service to a nonpaying residential customer from November 1 through April 1. Commission policy has been to delegate authority on an annual basis to the PSC compliance staff to approve or disapprove utility requests for winter shutoffs. Staff seeks PSC action on delegation of authority for this winter's shutoff requests.

2. BLACK HILLS POWER Docket D2001.10.138 (Eric)

On October 15, 2001, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on October 16, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by October 29, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$8,867 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

3. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES D2001.10.133 (Joel)

On October 9, 2001, Montana Power Co.(MPC) and Ken Miller of Laurel filed an application requesting a waiver from ARM 38.5.1602, electric master metering in multiple occupancy buildings. Mr. Miller is remodeling an apartment building with six units in Laurel and has filed the required cost information.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. QWEST, N2001.10.132 (DAVE B.)

On October 9, 2001, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 01-32, requesting in an effort to simplify the Qwest Local Long Distance product family, effective Nov 15, 2001, that certain Calling Connection Plans be grandfathered to existing customers and no new subscribers or changes to these plans be allowed. The plans proposed to be grandfathered are Business Daytime Connection Plus, Volume Calling Connection, Simple Value, City Connection and Tenant Calling Connection. Qwest will continue to offer its Super Savings Plan.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-11-6**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D2001.10.141 - Front Range Pipeline LLC - Tariff Revision - Deletion of Laird Creek Field, Montana as on of the ship from points
- D2001.10.142 - Front Range Pipeline LLC – Tariff Revision - Increase on all destination points
- N2001.10.143 – Ronan Telephone Company – 711 Implementation Plan
- D2001.10.144 - Montana Power Company - Application for Approval of the Default Supply Portfolio and the Projected Electric Cost Tracking for the 12 Month Period Beginning July 1, 2001
- N2001.10.145 - Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 01-33 - ISDN Single Line Service Promotion